PLUMAS GEN BODY MTG
Fall 2020

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We acknowledge that while we are in a virtual space, we each occupy stolen Indigenous land. In Charlottesville, we wish to acknowledge the Monacan Nation, the historic caretakers of this land, who remain an active and vital part of the C-Ville community. Please join us in actively respecting the Monacan and all Native American elders, past, present, and future and that we are guests on their land.

We also remember that UVA and this country were built by enslaved Black people, and that their lives and their legacy must never be forgotten.

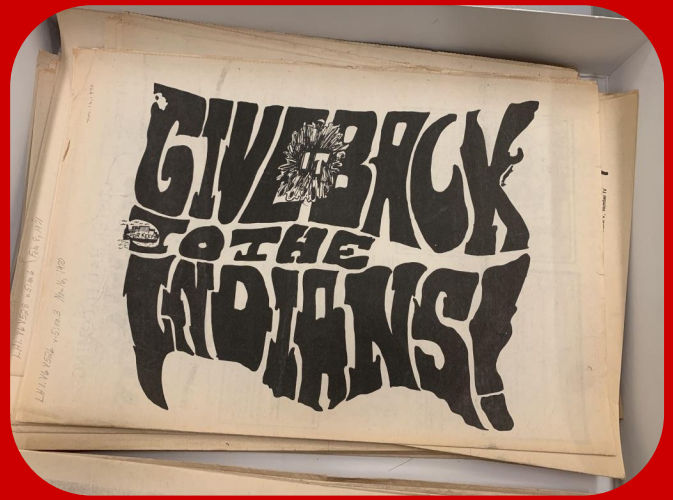
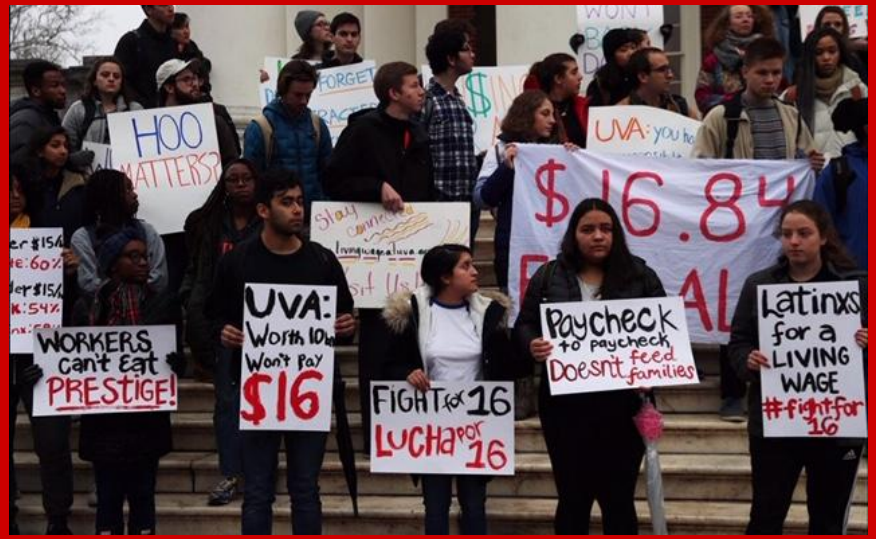


Image from Virginia Weekly publication in 1970, radical student newspaper at UVA

Who We Are & Mission

Political Latinxs United for Movement and Action in Society (PLUMAS) is a social justice/activist group.

The mission is to engage the Latinx community by providing a safe, proactive space for students to vocalize,discuss, and act on substantive social justice issues affecting the Latinx community both on Grounds and in the Greater Charlottesville Community.



History

PLUMAS was created at the University of Maryland-College Park Campus in February 2013 by UMD Alumnae Karen Guzman and Jennifer Avelar.

PLUMAS is symbolic:

In Spanish= a feather or a pen

For many cultures, such as for the Egyptian and Native American cultures, feathers also symbolize heightened awareness, enlightenment, and progress.

PLUMAS at VCU

Established 2015

Their focus is on immigration, deportation, hate crime, police brutality, disproportionate amounts of Latinxs suspended or in prison and the rights of trans/queer Latinxs.

History (Spring 2017)

PLUMAS was started because of an observed need for awareness about political issues affecting Latinx people. Founding members wanted to provide a platform for politically inclined Latinx students to take action and mobilize to better Latinx issues both in the community and the nation. Members envisioned Latinx people radically coming together to meaningfully affect change for the Latinx community.

Paola Sanchez Valdez, UVA chapter co-founder

Natalie Romero, UVA chapter co-founder

- Paola and Natalie worked to achieve CIO status and recruit membership.

During the very first information session, PLUMAS had a full house and mobilized numerous new members

Founders Paola Sanchez Valdez & Natalie Romero

We are inherently ***Political***

We stand ***United***

We are a ***Movement***

We are grounded in community ***Action***

Why do we need PLUMAS?

PLUMAS recognizes that our liberation is bound together and that we need each other to fight for freedom and justice because many of the struggles that we face are also the struggles of all oppressed people.

PLUMAS PILLARS

PLUMAS seeks to create civic engagement and awareness of social and political issues through:

- community building
- political education
- empowerment through the arts
- direct action

YOU DON’T HAVE TO BE LATINX!

We welcome any individual no matter their creed, religion, race, sexual orientation, individual identity, and experience level.

New Structure :

Co-president

Co-president

Vice President

Fundraising & Treasure

Membership Directors

PLUMAS FAMILY

ARTS:
Zines
Open Mics, poetry workshops, self-care events

Education:
i.e. Amazon & Berta Caceres Event, Border is Here Workshops

Direct Action:
Indigenous Peoples' Day. ICE out of Cville, Informational Graphics

Community Engagement:
Si, Se Puede, Creciendo Juntos meetings, Southwood Initiatives/events

Together:
Advisory Board, Create new ad hoc cohorts with Gen Bod for special events

What are the Group Norms?

- Respect everyone
- Confidentiality (take the story, not the person)
- Speak from your experience
- respect and awareness
- be open to new ideas
- listening to understand
- call-in vs call out
- being mindful of different experiences
- Acknowledgement that we all come from different backgrounds and have different experiences

- being mindful of space we may be taking up
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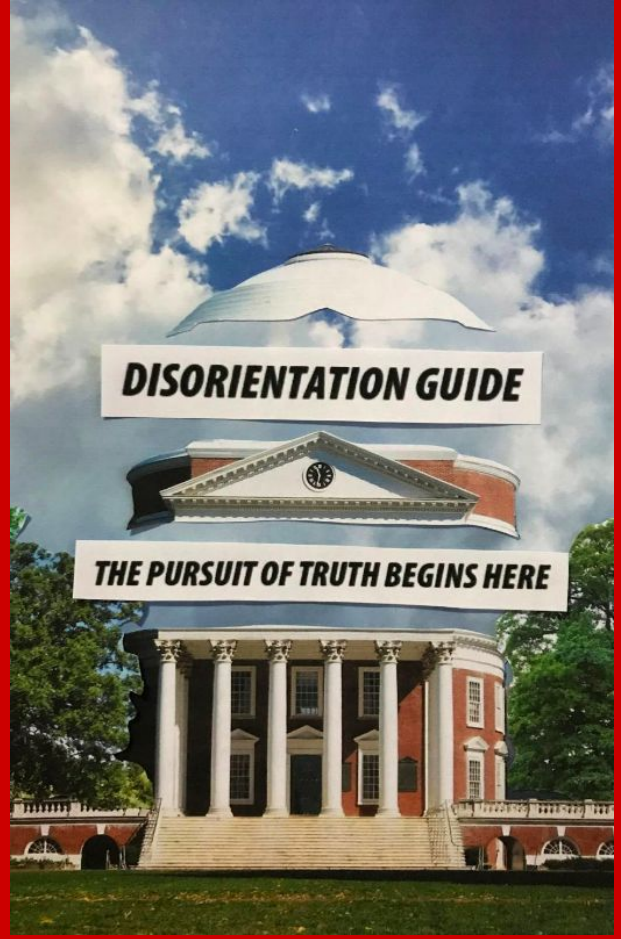
What issues are you passionate about improving on grounds and in your community?

EDUCATION COHORT

- Co-chairs:
  - Arnaldo Sandoval (aas4kr@virginia.edu)
  - Hector Terrazas (hjt9wg@virginia.edu)
- Why Education?
  - In order to create sustainable change in our communities, we must collectively learn about our own identities and the history of issues we face today
- Goals:
  - Introspective work
  - Inform people on relevant issues affecting our community
  - Collectively learn about the ignored history of UVA and the Charlottesville community
  - Create workshops for students tuned to personal interests (i.e., the tentative med school series)
- How to get involved?
  - No application needed, just a general interest form



The 2017 UVA Disorientation Guide -- compiled by the student organizers of UVA Students United, The Living Wage Campaign at UVA, the Black Student Alliance, and many more

ART & EMPOWERMENT COHORT

Co-chairs

- Ashley Grullon (ag4gk@virginia.edu)
- Carlos Rodríguez (cr9kcv@virginia.edu)

What does Art & Empowerment hope to achieve this year?

- Virtual Open Mics
- Virtual Writing Workshops
- Group and Individual Multimedia Projects
- Virtual Art Showcase (whether art, writing, videos, etc.)
- Virtual Community Healing (creating space to vent and express oneself, events like open mics can fall under this)
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How to get involved?

- Reach out to PLUMAS and ask to lead an event or help out with an event for Art and Empowerment and/or Interest Form, No Application Needed

DIRECT ACTION COHORT

Co-chairs

- Juan Zazueta & Bianka Dodson

What does Direct Action mean?

- Action centered around building a community of care, mutual aid, and political education.
  - Community driven work can be reactive
    - might be last minute, based on capacity, teamwork
  - Attending Local City Council Meetings
  - Supporting BIPOC and related organizations
  - Legal Aid Justice Center & ICE Out of Cville
  - Know Your Rights w/ BSA & UndocUVA

What would a committee look like?

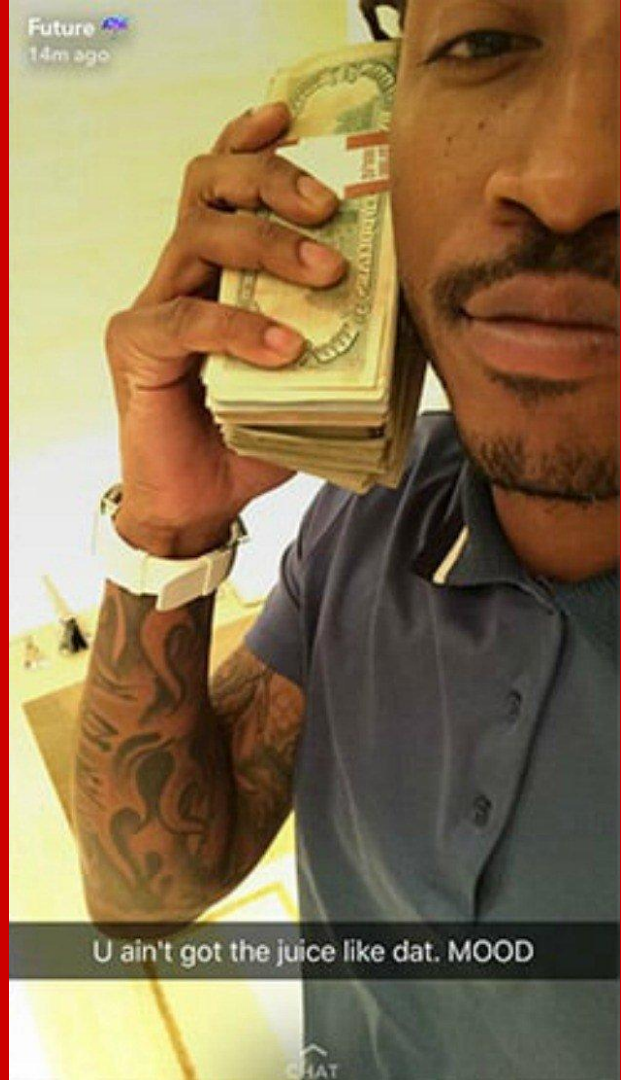
- No application just general interest form

COMMUNITY COHORT

- Co- Chairs
  - Gabriela Hernandez (gah7rcd@virginia.edu)
  - Natalie Nuñez (ndn8mfv@virginia.edu)
- Goals for this year:
  - Strengthening our Latinx community through necessary communal conversations and thus growth
  - Utilizing and building upon available resources to intentionally serve our community (Charlottesville & UVA)
  - Showing up in support other BIPOC groups and CIOs on Grounds as our struggles are NOT mutually exclusive
- Why we are looking at these specific goals?
  - We acknowledge that we as students of UVA has privilege and access to resources that can greatly better the surrounding Charlottesville community.
- Oral Tradition Night? Food Drive in November?
- Past Initiatives: Supporting Creciendo Juntos, helping with Southwood initiative,

MONEY TEAM

- <u>Co- Chairs</u>
  - Alberto Serra Tur - Treasurer
  - Ana Yesica Hernandez - Fundraising Chair
- Goals:
  - to redistribute UVA wealth (and wealth from other sources) across the community through community building activities or programs
  - to ensure that PLUMAS is well-funded and has money to cover all expenses
  - to ensure that the money is being spent efficiently



We Built

Summer: Trips to D.C., Food, & Fun!

PLUMAS at UVA presents

Deportations and Forced Migrations:

The View from Honduras

Featuring Neesa Medina

Witness for Peace Southeast

October 23 6-7:30pm in Newcomb Ballroom

TBLA · Latinx · PLUMAS · Majority Rights Coalition · Feminism is for Everyone

THE LATINX GRADUATE STUDENT ALLIANCE AND UVA ART DEPARTMENT PRESENT:

A concert-conversation with

NATALIA SERNA FROM CORAZÓN NORTE

When: 5pm - 6:30pm Wednesday, April 25th

Where: OpenGrounds, Studio A 1400 University Ave, Charlottesville, VA 22903

Space Limited, RSVP by 4/20/18!

CORAZÓN NORTE

is a record made up of songs and interviews that seek to incarnate, through art, the stories of migrants. The record was born at the Kino Border Initiative soup kitchen on the Mexican American border as an effort to gift each traveller a song in honor of their journey. Experiences, feelings, and dreams make up the raw material of this record.

EVENT

- Explore immigration and border topics through song and stories
- Learn about individuals and organizations in Charlottesville working towards immigrant justice and ways to get involved

CO-SPONSORS: LATINX · Latino Health Initiative · CIRAC · PLUMAS

Self-Care Finals Events!!

CELEBRATING OUR HISTORY
Latinx Alumni
Weekend
APRIL 12th - 14th, 2019

POLITICAL LATINAS UNITED FOR PROGRESS AND ACTION IN SOCIETY
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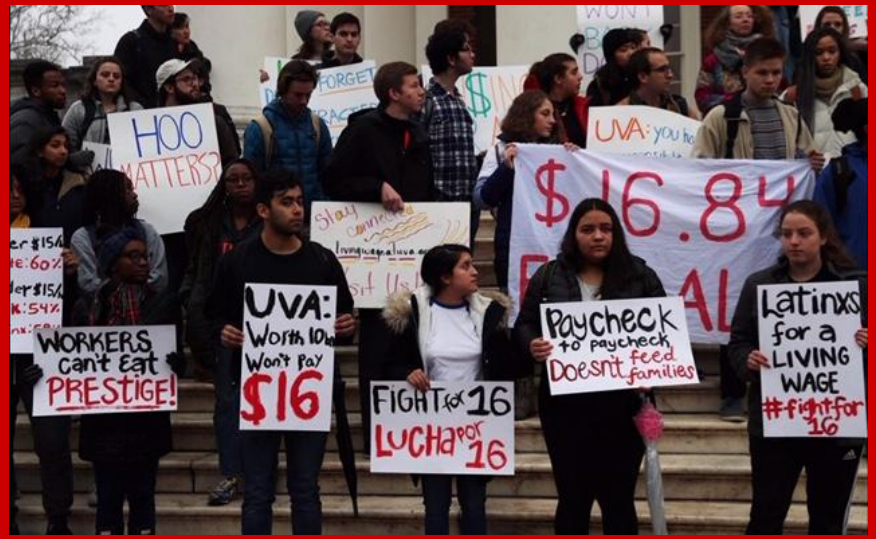
RADICAL KITCHEN
VENCEREM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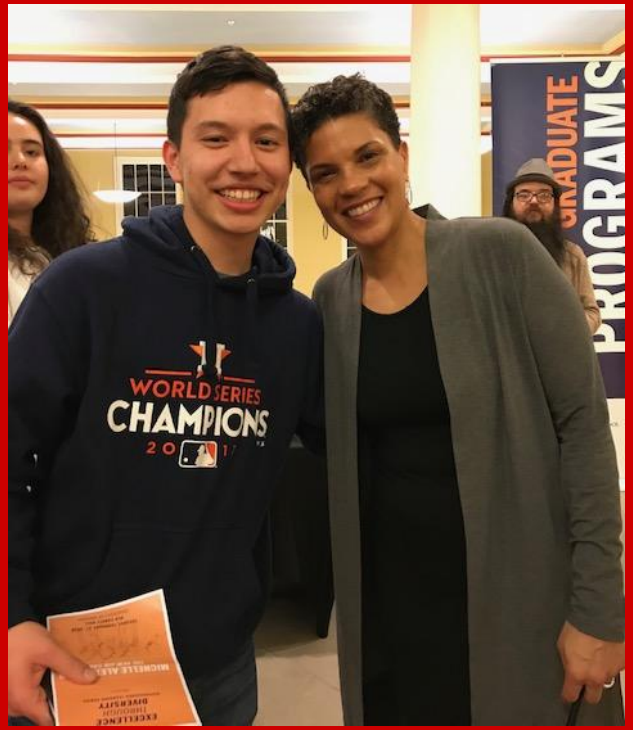
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Interest Form